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In re Application of:

Lawrence GREENFIELD et al.

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Examiner: J. Riley

For: COMPOSITIONS, METHODS, AND
KITS FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC
ACIDS USING SURFACTANTS
AND PROTEASES

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants now respond to the Office Action dated April 30, 2003. The period for reply has been extended for three (3) months by the Petition for Three Month Extension of Time and extension fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows.

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